

We claim:

1           1.       A process for separating a mixture of two enantiomers; said process comprising  
2 transporting the enantiomers through a medium comprising polymerized dipeptide chiral micelles, or  
3 transporting the enantiomers and a medium comprising polymerized dipeptide chiral micelles over a  
4 substrate; wherein said micelles have differing affinities for the two enantiomers, and wherein the  
5 differing affinities cause the two enantiomers to move through the medium or over the substrate at  
6 different velocities, whereby the enantiomers become separated from one another.

1           2.       A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein said transporting step comprises performing  
2 liquid chromatography.

1           3.       A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein said transporting step comprises performing  
2 capillary electrophoresis.

1           4.       A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein said transporting step comprises performing  
2 a liquid-liquid extraction between two immiscible liquid phases, wherein said micelles are substantially  
3 soluble in only one of the two liquid phases.

1           5.       A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein said transporting step comprises performing  
2 gas chromatography.

1           6.       A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein said transporting step comprises transporting  
2 the enantiomers and said micelles across a membrane.

1           7.     A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein the medium additionally comprises a chiral  
2 selector other than said micelles, wherein said chiral selector has differing affinities for the two  
3 enantiomers.

1           8.     A process as recited in Claim 7, wherein said chiral selector comprises a chiral  
2 cyclodextrin.

1           9.     A process as recited in Claim 7, wherein said chiral selector comprises a crown ether.

1           10.    A process as recited in Claim 7, wherein said chiral selector comprises a bile salt.

1           11.    A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein said micelles comprise a polymer of monomers,  
2 wherein each of said monomers comprises an unsaturated hydrocarbon chain linked to a chiral dipeptide.

1           12.    A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein said micelles comprise a mixture of different  
2 polymerized dipeptide chiral micelles.

1           13.    A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein said micelles comprise a co-polymer of  
2 different dipeptide chiral surfactant monomers.

1           14.    A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein said micelles comprise reversed polymerized  
2 dipeptide chiral micelles.

1           **15.**   A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein said micelles comprise poly (sodium  
2 N-undecylenyl-L-valine-L-valine), or poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-D-valine-D-valine), or poly (sodium  
3 N-undecylenyl-L-leucine-L-leucine), or poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-D-leucine-D-leucine), or  
4 poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-L-leucine-L-valine), or poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-D-leucine-D-valine),  
5 or poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-L-valine-L-leucine), or poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-D-valine-D-  
6 leucine).

1           **16.**   A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein the enantiomers are hydrophilic; wherein the  
2 medium is an aqueous or nonaqueous polar medium; and wherein the amino acid of the dipeptide closer  
3 to the polar medium is chiral.

1           **17.**   A process as recited in Claim 1, wherein the enantiomers are hydrophobic; wherein the  
2 medium is an aqueous or nonaqueous polar medium; and wherein the amino acid of the dipeptide farther  
3 from the polar medium is chiral.

1           **18.**   A polymerized dipeptide chiral micelle; wherein said polymerized dipeptide chiral  
2 micelle is not a polymer of a compound selected from the group consisting of *N*-undec-10'-enoyl-L-  
3 prolyl-L-glutamic acid, *N*-undec-10'-enoyl-L-methionyl-L-glutamic acid, and *N*-undec-10'-enoyl-L-  
4 phenylalanyl- $\beta$ -alanine.

1           **19.**   A micelle as recited in Claim 18, wherein said micelle comprises a polymer of  
2 monomers, wherein each of said monomers comprises an unsaturated hydrocarbon chain linked to a  
3 chiral dipeptide.

1           **20.**   A composition of matter comprising a mixture of a plurality of different polymerized  
2 chiral micelles, wherein each of said polymerized chiral micelles is a micelle as recited in Claim 18.

1           21.     A micelle as recited in Claim 18, wherein said micelle comprises a co-polymer of a  
2     plurality of different dipeptide chiral surfactant monomers.

1           22.     A micelle as recited in Claim 18, wherein said micelle comprises a reversed polymerized  
2     chiral micelle.

1           23.     A micelle as recited in Claim 18, wherein said micelle comprises poly (sodium  
2     N-undecylenyl-L-valine-L-valine), or poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-D-valine-D-valine), or poly (sodium  
3     N-undecylenyl-L-leucine-L-leucine), or poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-D-leucine-D-leucine), or  
4     poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-L-leucine-L-valine), or poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-D-leucine-D-valine),  
5     or poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-L-valine-L-leucine), or poly (sodium N-undecylenyl-D-valine-D-  
6     leucine).

1           24.     A process for separating a mixture of two enantiomers; said process comprising  
2     transporting the enantiomers through a medium comprising polymerized oligopeptide chiral micelles,  
3     or transporting the enantiomers and a medium comprising polymerized oligopeptide chiral micelles over  
4     a substrate; wherein said micelles have differing affinities for the two enantiomers, and wherein the  
5     differing affinities cause the two enantiomers to move through the medium or over the substrate at  
6     different velocities, whereby the enantiomers become separated from one another.

1           25.     A process as recited in Claim 24, wherein said transporting step comprises performing  
2     liquid chromatography.

1           26.     A process as recited in Claim 24, wherein said transporting step comprises performing  
2     capillary electrophoresis.



1           35.     A process as recited in Claim 24, wherein said micelles comprise a mixture of different  
2 polymerized oligopeptide chiral micelles.

1           36.     A process as recited in Claim 24, wherein said micelles comprise a co-polymer of  
2 different oligopeptide chiral surfactant monomers.

1           37.     A process as recited in Claim 24, wherein said micelles comprise reversed polymerized  
2 oligopeptide chiral micelles.

1           38.     A process as recited in Claim 24, wherein the enantiomers are hydrophilic; wherein the  
2 medium is an aqueous or nonaqueous polar medium; and wherein the amino acid of the oligopeptide  
3 closest to the polar medium is chiral.

1           39.     A process as recited in Claim 24, wherein the enantiomers are hydrophobic; wherein the  
2 medium is an aqueous or nonaqueous polar medium; and wherein at least one of the amino acids of the  
3 oligopeptide that is not closest to the polar medium is chiral.

1           40.     A polymerized oligopeptide chiral micelle; wherein each monomer unit of said  
2 polymerized oligopeptide chiral micelle contains a plurality of at least three amino acid residues.

1           41.     A micelle as recited in Claim 40, wherein said micelle comprises a polymer of  
2 monomers, wherein each of said monomers comprises an unsaturated hydrocarbon chain linked to a  
3 chiral oligopeptide.

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- 1            42.    A composition of matter comprising a mixture of a plurality of different polymerized  
2    chiral micelles, wherein each of said polymerized chiral micelles is a micelle as recited in Claim 40.

- 1            43.    A micelle as recited in Claim 40, wherein said micelle comprises a co-polymer of a  
2    plurality of different oligopeptide chiral surfactant monomers.

- 1            44.    A micelle as recited in Claim 40, wherein said micelle comprises a reversed polymerized  
2    chiral micelle.

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